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District 6940 Newsletter

Message from DG David Rauch

During this first quarter of the year as Governor, Gretchen and I have enjoyed our travels across the District. We thank the Rotarians' and Rotary friends for your warm welcome and great hospitality. We both have made friends with whom we hope to connect with for years to come. Both of us have been awe struck by the diversity of beauty across the region, and the talent and sincerity of our Rotarians and Rotary friends.

Cultivating and mentoring the youth of our District is as important to the health of our Rotary district as it is to our economy. The number of Interact Clubs continues to increase and the Rotaract clubs in Pensacola and Tallahassee are expanding like wildfire. Take every occasion to engage these future Rotarians, in club meetings and projects. Engagement is how we increase our impact on our communities and strengthen our clubs.

We are also taking calculated steps to ensure the future of the Rotary Youth Camp (RYC) and the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) programs. Soon we hope to have a strategy and vision that will guide and strengthen these important programs for years to come. Watch for details of our progress in upcoming newsletters and on social media.

Speaking of social media, have you visited and 'liked' the District 6940 and your club's Facebook page yet? Facebook is your best communication tool for keeping up with what is happening among the clubs, at the district and with Rotary International.

We have concluded this Rotary year's Foundation and Grant training seminars. Thanks to all of the clubs who sent representatives. It is not too early for you to begin meeting with your clubs to explore or refine ideas for your grant submissions.

In October, expect release of many details and registration information for our District Conference 2015. Our conference committee is excited about

the venue, speakers and offerings of the weekend. They are working diligently to make this conference a fun family and memorable experience.

I want to thank all that have volunteered to assist in the management and operation of the district. We have a new District Newsletter Editor, Assistant Governor Mark Viola, and for the first time a District Rotary Fellowships Chairman, Rotarian Steve Robinson. Send your news worthy items to Mark, and watch for more information about Rotary Fellowships from Steve.

Yours in Rotary Service,
District Governor Dave



DG Dave Rauch and his wife Gretchen

District 6940 Newsletter

Message from the (New)sletter Editor

Dear Rotarians of District 6940,

It's been a little while since you received a district newsletter. There's been some changeover in responsibilities and DG Dave asked me if I would be interested in taking over this role.

I have to admit I said yes without really thinking just how many clubs we have in our district and the many good stories we would like to showcase. But I can say I've enjoyed this work so far and I hope you enjoy this issue.

One of the first things I'm betting you will notice is that the news included in this issue ranges from up-to-the-minute to several months old. Since the transition period for finding a new newsletter editor took a bit longer than I think anyone figured it would, we haven't had a newsletter since late Spring, so there were a number of stories submitted which never got in.

That's not the fault of the local public relations people, so I tried my best to get everything that was forwarded to me in this issue. If your news item or photo somehow got lost among the numerous forwarded e-mails, I apologize and ask that you submit again for the next issue.

Hopefully, our next issue will come out

in early November. I have tentatively set a news/photo deadline for Friday, Oct. 31, for anything you wish to be included in that issue with the plan that the newsletter will reach you in the first week of November.

Please submit anything you would like included, such as upcoming fund-raisers or social events you'd like other clubs to know about, as well as photos and reports from your service projects and programs.

We can all learn from each other, and this newsletter will hopefully be a way to share ideas.

I would like to personally thank DG Dave for entrusting me with his newsletter and I look forward to reaching out across the district with each upcoming issue.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Mark Viola
Perry Rotary Club

Submit photos, events
and reports to:

**rotary6940newsletter@
gmail.com**

And remember, you don't have to wait until the deadline to submit your information.

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Upcoming Events

- Sept. 25 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tallahassee Sunrise Polio Plus Cocktails for a Cause**
Location: University Center Club, Doak Campbell Stadium, Tallahassee, FL 32306
Join Tallahassee Sunrise as we have fun and raise funds for Polio Plus with our first Annual Cocktails for a Cause. Contact Terri Jackson at (8500 222-4014 or Terri@jacksonfinancialgroup.biz)
- Sept. 26 4:30-10 p.m. Mid-Bay Rotary Oktoberfest Celebration**
Sept. 27 2-10 p.m. Location: Market Place Shopping Plaza in Bluewater Bay, Niceville, FL 32578
Enjoy Oktoberfest good food, music, singing, dancing and arts and crafts. Proceeds return to the community through various service projects. Admission is free!
- Oct. 4 7 a.m. Purple Pinkie Peanut 5K Run**
Location: Downtown Williston, Heritage Park Gazebo
Pre-register through Sept. 19 to guarantee your event T-shirt! All proceeds will go directly to the Rotary Club of Williston's service projects for 2014. After the race you can enjoy Williston's 26th annual Peanut Festival right in Heritage Park. Bring the family! Contact Williston Rotary for registration form at pppr5k@yahoo.com or register online at www.active.com
Entry fee through Sept. 19 is \$30

October is Vocational Service Month

Oct. 24 is World Polio Day

Find out about district and club events at any time on the District and Club Database (DaCdb) at rotary6940.org

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Upcoming Events

Oct. 24 5:30 p.m.

The Arrogant Steak Cook Off

Location: Seville Rotary, Pensacola, FL

Gates open at 5:30 PM in the Seville Quarter Party Plaza
Team registration is \$250. Teams consist of 4 members and registration includes 10 tickets (valued at \$250). Team registration includes free steaks available for pick-up on date of event. Individual tickets are \$25 in advance. Pre-paid entry into event area and complimentary beer. Individual tickets will also be available for \$35 at the gate on day of event. For more information, visit www.sevillerotary.com.

Oct. 25 4-8 p.m.

Brewfest Tallahassee!

Location: Tallahassee Automobile Museum, Tallahassee, FL

The Tallahassee Sunrise Rotary presents its eighth annual beer festival at the Tallahassee Automobile Museum (6800 Mahan Dr, Tallahassee, FL 32308). The event has been a sell out every year and is also known as one of the premier events in Tallahassee. General admission tickets are \$39.95. Designated driver tickets are \$10. VIP tickets are \$99. Tickets will NOT be sold at the gate. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit online at www.brewfesttallahassee.com.

It's not too early to mark
your calendar for the
2014-15 District Conference.

May 14-17, 2015

**Callaway Gardens
Pine Martin, Ga.**



District 6940 'News for You'

Vision Across Borders seeking volunteers for trips to Costa Rica in October, January

Vision Across Borders was started as an outreach project of Cantonment Rotary Club.

The initial project was to offer free eye exams and glasses for those in need in the Pensacola area. The project was funded with a District Grant. A second local clinic is scheduled to be held in December of this year.

An international component was developed in Costa Rica. The initial clinics were also funded with a District Grant. Dr. Doug Reynolds of the Cantonment Rotary Club took the necessary equipment to conduct the eye clinic to Costa Rica.

Two eye clinics have been held with approximately 200 patients being seen at each clinic. Those needing glasses are able to pick a frame of their choice and the prescriptions are filled in Dr. Reynolds lab in Pensacola. The new glasses are delivered to the patients by the following team.

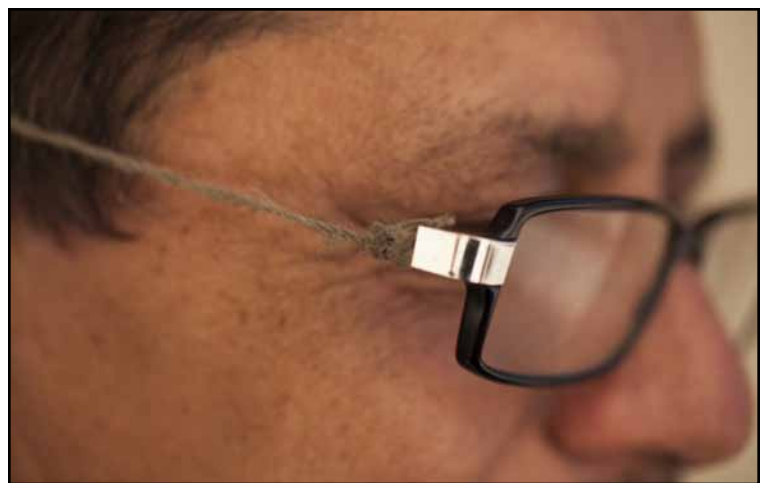
A third eye clinic is scheduled for Oct. 11-18 in Costa Rica. The October clinic will be in partnership with the Belen Rotary Club of Costa Rica. The project is looking for Rotarians to go and be a part of the team. Another eye clinic is scheduled in Costa Rica for the end of January 2015.

The equipment remains in Costa Rica so that if there is a doctor who would be willing to go and conduct a clinic, everything needed is in country. The project would form a support team around a doctor's available schedule.

For more information please visit Vision Across Borders

website at visionacrossborders.org or Facebook page.

Those interested should contact Carl Dickerson (RC/Cantonment; former 6940 International Services chair) at carldickerson55@gmail.com.



District 6940 'News for You'



Have you LIKED the 6940 Facebook page? There's no time like the present

Did you know District 6940 has a Facebook page? Have you "liked" it yet?

The district's Facebook a great way to keep up with what's going on around the district, from service projects to fund-raisers.

Through the district's page, you can connect with other Rotarians and see what they are doing across North Florida.

Speaking of Facebook, does your club have a Facebook page? It's a great way to build awareness of your club and its events. And best of all, it's FREE. Just about every club should have at least one person who can set up a page for you. From there, you can post photos and announcements of your upcoming events as well as your completed service projects.



District 6940 'News for You'

DG Dave Rauch traveling the district

DG Dave Rauch is more than halfway through his official club visits, but there are still plenty of visits to go.

Dave's schedule has him on the road through

Oct. 9, when he visits Suwannee Valley. Send your club visit photos to marlex7@gmail.com so we can include them in the next issue.



Each year when the District Governor visits the Live Oak Rotary Club, they recreate this photo taken in 1925 showing Rotary International founder Paul Harris during a visit to the club. This year, DG Dave Rauch and his wife Gretchen become the latest to get the "Paul Harris" treatment.

Remaining District Governor Official Visits

15-Sep-14	Chattahoochee	Monday	12:00
17-Sep-14	DeFuniak Springs	Wednesday	12:00
22-Sep-14	Pensacola Five Flags	Monday	12:00
23-Sep-14	Gulf Breeze	Tuesday	7:00
23-Sep-14	Pensacola	Tuesday	12:00
23-Sep-14	Pensacola Seville	Tuesday	17:30
24-Sep-14	Mid-Bay Bridge	Wednesday	7:00
24-Sep-14	Ft. Walton Beach	Wednesday	12:15
25-Sep-14	South Walton	Thursday	7:30
25-Sep-14	Niceville/Valpariso	Thursday	12:00
30-Sep-14	Apalachicola	Tuesday	12:00
8-Oct-14	Marianna	Wednesday	12:00
9-Oct-14	Suwannee Valley	Thursday	12:00

District 6940 in Action

Perry Rotary Club

Meets Tuesdays at 12 noon
Holiday Inn Express
601 Everett Way, Perry, FL 32348

Serving dinner at the Rotary Youth Camp



Perry Rotarians traveled to Wallwood Boy Scout Reservation Friday, Aug. 1, to serve dinner at the annual Rotary Youth Camp. The local Rotarians, joined by Past District Governor Tedd Kirchharr, served a dinner of hamburgers and hotdogs "with all the trimmings" to around 70 campers and counselors. Shown above after dinner are: (from l to r) Dr. Michael Walby, Karen Walby, Camp Director Leslie Smith, John Ching, Perry Rotary President Dawn Taylor, Diane Ching, Mark Viola, Kirchharr, Andy Jackson and grandson, Simon Jackson (who is a potential fifth generation Rotarian).



District 6940 in Action

Fort Walton Beach

Meets Wednesdays at 12 noon
Fort Walton Beach Yacht Club
180 NE Ferry Road, Fort Walton Beach



Gathering for Social Night at The Boardroom



(l to r) Ralph Fallin and Scott Smith



(l to r) J.T. Edwards, Cliff Ennis, Ross Leblanc and Jessica Davis



(l to r) Fred Pryor, Lyndon Poff, Gerry Chalker and Mayrelizbeth Pryor



(l to r) Charles Hardy and Jean Woo

District 6940 in Action

Gulf Breeze Rotary

Meets Tuesdays at 7 a.m.
Andrews Institute-Athletes Performance Center
1040 Gulf Breeze Pkwy., Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

Gulf Breeze Rotarian recognized as outstanding partner in education

During the annual meeting of the Escambia County Public Schools Foundation in early July, Escambia County Schools Superintendent Malcolm Thomas praised the critical partnership that the foundation provided county schools.

"Having a foundation is really not an option any more," he said. "It is simply no longer possible to do everything we need to do for the students in the classroom using public funds alone."

During the past year, teacher grants from the Foundation reached a record of \$91,000 and special partnerships contributed to a significant expansion in the number of Take Stock in Children Scholarship recipients. Take Stock in Children Scholarships are privately funded for deserving at-risk or low-income students to escape the cycle of poverty through education. College scholarships and caring volunteer mentorship combine to offer opportunities and hope for a better life.

Gulf Breeze Rotarian Ed Gray was one of two Outstanding Partners recognized for advancement of the Take Stock program in the form of generous financial support.

"Mr. Gray served from 2002 to 2010 on the Santa Rosa School Board, and has been a strong advocate for education for years," praised Thomas. "Since 2007, Mr. Gray has provided the funding for 17 scholarships, and 9 students are currently enrolled in college due to his generosity. The importance of this support cannot be understated."

Gray accepted the award on behalf of the Capital Trust Agency (CTA) Board of Directors, a body he said had committed to funding such scholarships in both Escambia and Santa Rosa County.

Shanteeria Greene, a Take Stock scholarship recipient

sponsored by CTA, is currently enrolled in PSC's Sonography program. She said that without the funds there was no doubt she could not be attending college.

Each of the students also is afforded a lap top to take to college, which Shanteeria said was a critical tool in the modern classroom.

"Oh, yeah," she said with a broad smile, "so many assignments are sent to us on the web, and a lot of our work has to be submitted electronically. Our laptops are great!"

"I am so very grateful for this opportunity," she said, "without the scholarship, attending college would be a distant dream. It is life-changing to be able to study for my career. It is even more amazing because my mom is not having to work two jobs to pay the bills and put me through college, and she is also a college student studying Business Management."

Take Stock in Children's high school dropout prevention and college attainment efforts pay off. State-wide, Take Stock scholars boast an impressive 94 percent graduation rate, and have the opportunity to go on to prepaid college, in most cases overcoming very real obstacles.



Take Stock in
Children[®]

District 6940 in Action

R.C. of Tallahassee

Meets Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.
FSU Alumni Center
1030 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee, FL

Lewis given Frederick Clifton Moor Award



Established in 1984, the Frederick Clifton Moor Award represents the highest honor bestowed upon one of its members by the Rotary Club of Tallahassee. This year the club recognized the Honorable Judge Terry Lewis for his years of outstanding public service and commitment to service above self. Terry has been a trial judge in Tallahassee since 1989, where he presides over a variety of criminal and civil cases. He is a published author of three legal thrillers and has been featured on ABC News Good Morning America. Terry joined the Rotary Club of Tallahassee in 1984, is a past president and a Paul Harris Fellow. Congratulations Terry. (He is shown above with Fran Lewis.)

District 6940 in Action

Rotary Club of Destin

Meets Tuesday at 7:15 a.m.
Rutherfords 465 @ Regatta Bay
465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, FL 32541

Food For Thought Painting Project



Shown above are Destin Rotary Club members at the Food For Thought painting project. From left to right, they are: Peter Mohylsky, Jeanne Dailey, Jim Brechin, Nathan Hall, Colin Gorman, Lockwood Wernet and Justin Woodward.

District 6940 in Action

Rotary Club of Destin

Meets Tuesday at 7:15 a.m.
Rutherfords 465 @ Regatta Bay
465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, FL 32541

Destin scholarship recipient takes part in industry demonstration

The Technology Coast Manufacturing and Engineering Network (TeCMEN) of the Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County recently invited Kyle Saleeby, a 2013 scholarship recipient of The Rotary Club of Destin, to participate in a special 3-D Additive Manufacturing demonstration and meeting.

Through the close working relationship between The Rotary Club of Destin and the Okaloosa business community, the EDC learned of Kyle's scholarship award and his studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Mechanical Engineering and invited him to join 20 local industry leaders at the demonstration at SURVICE Engineering in Ft. Walton Beach.



Kyle Saleeby

At the event, Kyle had the opportunity to network with these executives and share his background and ambitions. The fact that Kyle worked as an MIT undergraduate research assistant on an Autonomous 3D Printing project was impressive to the local manufacturers and engineers and opened up numerous conversations as Kyle added to his network of industry contacts.

Kyle Saleeby is a 2013 graduate of Niceville High School where he ranked third in a class of 421, and is entering his sophomore year at MIT.

"Our club greatly appreciates this amazing opportunity for Kyle as a young professional to experience among

leaders in the manufacturing and engineering profession," said Rotary Club of Destin Publicity Chair Marcia Hull.

"Students like Kyle are the precise reason the EDC partners heavily with the local public and secondary schools as well as local organizations such as Rotary," TeCMEN manager Jim Breitenfeld said.

"We want to give all our area youth an opportunity to flourish, and to be able to support our best and brightest gives us great hope for the future. We hope to see Kyle back here after his formal schooling fully engaged in our strong local manufacturing and engineering industry and sharing his skills and leadership with the next generation of aspiring scientists and engineers."

"I had a blast meeting the incredible engineers and seeing what it is like to work as a contractor in the business world," Kyle said.

"Additionally, I enjoyed talking to the representatives from various defense and engineering companies and hope to keep in touch with them in the future."



of Okaloosa County, Florida

District 6940 Club Directory

CLUB	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Apalachicola Bay	Tues.	12 noon	Tapa's Bar 73 Avenue E, Apalachicola, FL
Blountstown	Wed.	12 noon	Calhoun Liberty Hospital Dining Room 20370 Burns Avenue, Blountstown, FL 32424
Branford	Tues.	12 noon	Sprinkles Hwy. 129 North, Branford, Branford, FL
Cantonment	Wed.	12 noon	Scenic Hills Country Club 8891 Burning Tree Road, Cantonment, FL
Chattahoochee	Mon.	12:30 p.m.	Captains Table 8110 Veteran's Memorial Hwy (US 90), Sneads, FL 32460
Chiefland	Wed.	12 noon	The Hudson Room 116 North Main Street, Chiefland, FL 32626
Crestview	Wed.	12 noon	Coach & Four Restaurant 114 John King Road, Crestview, FL
DeFuniak Springs	Wed.	12 noon	McClain Family Steak House 622 Hugh Adams Road, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435
Destin	Tues.	7:15 a.m.	Rutherfords 465 @ Regatta Bay 465 Regatta Bay Boulevard, Destin, FL 32541
Dixie County	Wed.	12 noon	Cook House at the residence of Hayward Anderson 131 NE 256 Ave, Cross City, FL 32628
Emerald Coast	Mon.	5:30 p.m.	Triple Js' Restaurant Panama City Beach, FL 32408
Fort Walton Beach	Wed.	12 noon	Fort Walton Beach Yacht Club 180 NE Ferry Road, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548
Gulf Breeze	Tues.	7:00 a.m.	Andrews Institute-Athletes Performance Center 1040 Gulf Breeze Parkway , Gulf Breeze, FL 32561
Lake City	Thurs.	12 noon	First Baptist Church 182 NE Justice Street, Lake City, FL 32055
Lake City Downtown	Wed.	7:00 a.m.	Quail Heights Country Club 161 SW Quail Heights Terrace, Lake City, FL 32025
Live Oak	Mon.	12 noon	Farm Bureau Building 407 Dowling Ave., Live Oak, FL
Lynn Haven	Wed.	7:00 a.m.	Panama Country Club 100 Country Club Drive, Lynn Haven, FL
Madison	Wed.	12 noon	Villa Maria Hall, St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church 301 NW Orange Avenue, Madison, FL 32340
Marianna	Wed.	12 noon	Jim's Buffet & Grill 241 W. Lafayette, Marianna, FL 32446
Mayo	Wed.	12 noon	Lafayette County Farm Bureau Building 874 E. Main St., Mayo, FL 32066

District 6940 Club Directory

CLUB	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Mid-Bay Bridge	Wed.	7:00 a.m.	Bluewater Bay Golf Club Bluewater Blvd., Niceville, Niceville, FL 32578
Milton	Tues.	12 noon	Grover T's BBQ 5887 Hwy 90, Milton, FL 32570
Monticello	Fri.	12 noon	First Presbyterian Church 290 East Dogwood St, Monticello, FL
Navarre	Fri.	12 noon	Tuscan Grille at Hidden Creek Golf Course 3070 Pga Blvd (Hidden Creek Golf Club), Navarre, FL
Niceville-Valparaiso	Thurs.	12 noon	Student Services Center Northwest Florida State College Niceville Campus, Niceville, FL
Pace	Thurs.	7:00 a.m.	Stonebrook Village Country Club Pace, FL
Panama City	Tues.	12 noon	St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club 218 Bunkers Cove Road, Panama City, FL
Panama City (East Bay)	Mon.	12 noon	Rodeo's Steak House Tyndall Pkwy, Callaway-Parker, FL
Panama City Beach	Thurs.	12 noon	Fishale Taphouse 7715 Front Beach Road, Panama City Beach, FL
Panama City-Northside	Wed.	12 noon	Holiday Inn Select at the Mall 2001 N. Cove Blvd., Panama City, FL
Pensacola	Tues.	12 noon	New World Landing South Palafox St., Pensacola, FL
Pensacola - Seville	Tues.	5:30 p.m.	Seville Quarter / Rosie O'Grady's Room 130 East Government Street, Pensacola, FL 32502
Pensacola North	Fri.	12 noon	Asbury Place/Cokesbury United Methodist Church 9th Ave. at College Blvd., Pensacola, FL
Pensacola Suburban West	Thurs.	12 noon	Pensacola Yacht Club 1897 Cypress Street, Pensacola, Pensacola, FL
Pensacola-Cordova	Thurs.	7:00 a.m.	Gulf Coast Kid's House 3401 N 12th Ave., Pensacola, FL
Pensacola-Five Flags	Mon.	12 noon	New World Landing 600 S. Palafox Street, Pensacola, FL
Perdido Key	Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Triggers Restaurant 12700 Gulf Beach Highway, Pensacola, FL
Perry	Tues.	12 noon	Holiday Inn Express 601 Everett Way, Perry, FL 32348, Perry, FL
Port St. Joe	Thurs.	12 noon	Sunset Coastal Grill 602 Highway 98, Port St. Joe, FL
Quincy	Tues.	1:00 p.m.	Women's Historical Society Building 304 W King St. Quincy, FL 32351

District 6940 Club Directory

CLUB	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
South Walton County	Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Embassy Suites Hotel Old Hwy 98, Miramar Beach, Miramar Beach, FL
Suwannee Valley	Thurs.	12 noon	Haven Hospice in Chiefland 311 NE 9th Street, Chiefland, FL 32626
Tallahassee	Wed.	12:30 p.m.	FSU Alumni Center 1030 West Tennessee Street, Tallahassee FL
Tallahassee (Capital)	Tues.	12 noon	Logan's Roadhouse 750 Apalachee Pkwy, Tallahassee, FL 32301
Tallahassee Northside	Thurs.	12:30 p.m.	Holiday Inn and Suites 2725 Graves Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303
Tallahassee Southside	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Four Points by Sheraton Downtown (1st/2nd weeks) 316 West Tennessee Street, Tallahassee, FL
Tallahassee Sunrise	Tues.	7:30 p.m.	Civic Center 505 W. Pensacola, Tallahassee, FL
Tallahassee Sunset	Tues.	6:30 p.m.	Hotel Duval (1st/3rd weeks--other weeks vary) 415 N Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32301
Trenton	Mon.	12 noon	Woman's Club 2107 SE CR 339, Trenton, FL 32693
Wakulla County	Thurs.	8:00 a.m.	Best Western Plus Wakulla Inn & Suites 3292 Coastal Highway, Crawfordville FL 32327
Williston	Tues.	11:45 a.m.	1st Presbyterian Church 247 NE 1st Street, Williston, FL

Need a makeup? Have you tried an e-club?

What is an e-club?

Rotary e-clubs are a lot like other Rotary clubs: they meet weekly, carry out service projects, support The Rotary Foundation, and socialize with each other. So what's different about e-clubs? You join your meeting online when it's convenient for you, day or night, any day of the week.

How does an e-club operate?

E-club members use webinars, videoconferencing, message boards, instant messaging, or tools like Skype and Google Hangout to communicate. For example, a club member might post content online for that week's meeting, then other members join the discussion throughout the week. Some e-club members also meet in person at service projects, social activities or the RI Convention.

Any Rotarian can make up a missed meeting by participating in an e-club online meeting.

To find an e-club, visit online at:

www.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder

